## NEWS RELEASE

## SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA INFO LINE: 408-261-5246



CASE NUMBER: 07-6250
INCIDENT: Homicide

**DATE AND TIME:** June 10, 2007 at 7:19 PM

**LOCATION:** 2850 Augustine Drive, Santa Clara

**SUSPECTS:** Still at large

**<u>DETAILS:</u>** The Santa Clara Police Department is seeking the assistance of the public in locating witnesses and identifying the person or persons responsible for the shooting death of Hayward "Lavel" Brandon, age 29, of San Jose.

On June 10, 2007 at 7:19 PM, Mr. Brandon was shot while in his rental car, a 2007 white Mitsubishi Galant. After being shot, he staggered from the car into the McDonald's restaurant located at 2850 Augustine Drive near Highway 101 in Santa Clara. Once inside the restaurant he collapsed on the floor and died. Brandon's car was driven away by the suspected shooter and abandoned in the North First Street area of San Jose.



Hayward "Lavel" Brandon

Brandon was found to have a large sum of money in his possession and narcotics were found in his car. It is believed that people inside the McDonalds or in the restaurant's parking lot may have seen the suspect and/or the shooting. We are seeking their assistance in locating and identifying the person or persons responsible for the murder.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Rick Souza at 408-615-4823. If someone should wish to remain anonymous, a confidential homicide tip line has been established. The phone number for the tip line is 408-615-4826.

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